

COMIC OPERA SCORES HIT

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What makes an amateur show go is, of course, the loving friends of the near actors and actresses in the audience. The average amateur whose stunt goes big in a house filled with people who call him by his first name, would get the axe in a ten-cent vaudeville. And this is the secret of many a sad blow to the fond hopes of the stage struck. George Ade's advice to amateurs, "When in doubt, try it on the box office," is good except when the receipts are promised to something for the good of Las Vegas. In such a case this test is valueless.

"Princess Bonnie," at the Duncan opera house last night, was an enormous success not only because everybody in the audience was a friend or acquaintance of everybody on the stage and "held a good thought" for the performance every minute, but because the show was really first-class and the best amateur performance ever given in this city.

There were some numbers of exceptional merit, notably the singing of Miss Marguerite Cunningham, who, as "Princess Bonnie," appeared to excellent advantage last night. Possessed of a cultured soprano voice of rare volume, Miss Cunningham literally won the hearts of her audience by her beautiful solos. Mrs. Bessie Hild, as Kitty Clover, belle of the village, was another who scored an enviable hit, her acting and singing being of such ease and grace as to compare favorably with the average prima donna. Mrs. Esther McNair Reynolds as "Auntie Crab," played her part, which was extremely difficult, to perfection and received her full share of applause for her clever singing and acting.

Miss Muriel Hill, as Donna Pomposo, wife of the admiral, sang sweetly and acted her part well. When it comes to "bringing down the house," however, you must give it to George Kinkel. In the role of "Shrimps, champion canoeist and jack of all trades, in love with Kitty, he was greeted with perhaps more enthusiasm than any singer of the evening when he sang, "For Its Funny How It Goes," being a parody on several local business men.

Another who received deserved applause was Orrin Blood, who in the part of Salvador, body guard to Admiral Pomposo and "funny man,"

could not be duplicated from the ranks of a first-class minstrel troupe. Mr. Prentice, as Admiral Pomposo, was specially suited to his part, acting as pompous as a real member of the royalty. Capt. Tarpaulin, portrayed by Mr. Dutt, was good. Roy Sterling, Bonnie's lover, which part was played by Mr. Smith, could not have been better acted. He made a typical fisherman and a better sailor. His solos were one of the treats of the evening. Mr. Peterson as Count Castinetti, could put a real count to shame.

It would not be complete without giving special mention to the work of the chorus the Spanish dancers, the bridesmaids' minuet and the bonita caprice. The chorus sang with an evenness and volume which showed careful and conscientious training under an able director, and right here full credit is due Mrs. Charles Kohn under whose direction "Princess Bonnie" was given. It was she who selected the cast, drilled it and the chorus, and taught the attractive steps and dances. And just credit must also be given the members of the chorus, for without them, the show would have been impossible, since good singing, catchy songs and lively music, is what makes an opera. The Spanish dance was very pretty, in fact the prettiest of the three, although both the bridesmaids' minuet and bonita caprice, including the first named dance, were so well received

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RAVISHERS SPIRITED AWAY

RUSE OF OFFICERS PREVENTS
LYNCHING IN WEST VIR-
GINIA VILLAGE

REMOVED ON SPECIAL TRAIN

ACCOMPANIED BY GOVERNOR
AND MILITIA NEGROES ARE
TAKEN AWAY

SOLDIERS AWE BIG MOB

AT POINT OF BAYONETS THEY
FORCE BACK CLAMORING
CROWD

Gassaway, W. Va., Nov. 5.—Residents of this town awoke this morning to find that the two negroes under arrest in connection with the brutal assault on Mrs. Albert Lockhold, near here Wednesday, had been taken from the jail here, placed aboard a special train and rushed to the county jail at Sutton, W. Va., during the night. Every precaution was taken to guard the negroes from mob violence. When they left the jail they were surrounded by national guardsmen and deputy sheriffs and accompanied by Governor Glasscock, the members of his staff and the mayor of Gassaway. The negroes will be given a preliminary hearing today and the militia will continue to protect them. A large number of local people started for Sutton today, but it is not believed there is any further danger of a lynching.

ROOSEVELT REPORTED KILLED IN WILDS OF AFRICA, WHILE HUNTING

Although Persistent, no Confirmation of
Sensational Rumor Has Been Obtained--
Washington Scouts its Authenticity.

Washington, Nov. 5.—This city was startled today by a sensational rumor that former president Theodore Roosevelt had been killed in the wilds of Africa, where he is on a hunting trip. Although immediate steps were taken by the various newspapers and the Associated Press to discover the foundation for the report, a diligent search failed to confirm it.

Inquiries at once began pouring in from all parts of the United States, making it evident that the rumor is widespread. Not the slightest word has been received at the Smithsonian Institution of such a fatality, or of any accident to the Roosevelt expedition.

The state department was also ignorant of the news, and as it has heard nothing, this makes it evident that the rumor is untrue. Late this afternoon the Associated Press received information from a confidential source, whose reliability is unquestioned, which makes it apparently absolutely certain that no tidings of any accident, fatal or otherwise, to Col. Roosevelt, has reached this country by any of the foreign cables. This seems to establish the fact that the report is without foundation.

Every effort is being made to get into direct communication with the Roosevelt camp in Africa, to ascertain whether or not he has been killed or injured. As he is isolated from rail and telegraph communication this may require several days time.

Friends Don't Believe It

New York, Nov. 5.—Reports that former president Roosevelt has lost his life while hunting in Africa are not credited by his close friends, nor could the reports be traced to any authentic source. Neither Douglas Robinson, a brother-in-law of Col. Roosevelt, nor Lyman Abbott, editor of The Outlook, of which Roosevelt is associate editor, had heard of any accident to Mr. Roosevelt.

Roosevelt's Present Location

Unless his plans were changed, Col. Roosevelt should now be on Guas Ingisu plateau. He left Londiani with several companions on October 26, arriving at Aldama ravine the following day. The last word from his immediate party was from Aldama ravine. It was planned to return to Londiani in five weeks. Guas Ingisu plateau is a vast open plain in the northern part of Kisumu province and is a hunting ground the visit to which has been eagerly anticipated by Col. Roosevelt.

WEALTHY COLFAX COUNTY RANCHMAN ADJUDGED INSANE

(Special Dispatch)

Raton, N. M., Nov. 5.—Newell Belford, a wealthy ranchman who has resided southeast of Raton on a ranch for thirty years past, was yesterday adjudged insane in the district court here by Judge W. J. Mills and ordered committed to the New Mexico Hospital for the Insane at Las Vegas.

The case of Mr. Belford is a pathetic one. Although the owner of nine hundred acres of land in Colfax county, besides livestock and personal property of considerable value, he finds himself at the advanced age of seventy years, insane and forced to spend his declining years in an asylum, while his

property is placed in the hands of a guardian.

For years Belford has lived alone on his ranch, he being a bachelor. Only recently, when he began to show signs of insanity, a nephew went to the ranch to watch over him. His hallucination seems to be a fear that some unknown persons are pursuing him to murder him. Oftentimes according to witnesses who testified at his hearing, Belford would call attention to imaginary persons who he claimed were lurking in the woods and brush near his home.

Belford was received as a patient at the asylum last night, being brought down from Raton by a deputy sheriff of Colfax county.

TAFT CALLS TY COBB A DISTINGUISHED GEORGIAN

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 5.—President Taft slept late today and delayed the program for a sight-seeing trip that had been arranged, for nearly an hour. At 2 o'clock this afternoon he left for Charleston.

An hour's sail on the river on the revenue cutter Yamocraw, was first on the program. During the trip he was saluted with the "Washington" guns of Savannah's famous militia organization, the Chatham artillery. The guns are revolutionary relics and were presented to the artillery at the time of General Washington's visit to this city.

The president was then taken for

a fast ride over the automobile course arriving at Thunderbolt Casino at noon, where luncheon was served. On the way back the president passed before all the school children of the city.

Mr. Taft made a happy speech at a banquet here last night. He made a big hit by referring to "Ty" Cobb, the famous batsman of the Detroit ball team, as one of Georgia's distinguished citizens. At one time during his speech there were cries of a "second term" and the old Cleveland yell of "four years more." The president, amid laughter, said he had heard the same expression from another audience, in the District of Columbia.

PEARY TO GET \$1.20
A WORD FOR STORY

New York, Nov. 5.—Former president Roosevelt has lost his record as being the highest paid author in the world for the narrative of his big game hunt in Africa. It has been generally understood he is to receive a dollar a word but now a comparatively new magazine announces it has contracted to pay Commander Robert E. Peary, \$1.20 a word for a story of about 50,000 words, concerning his adventures in seeking the North pole.

UNCLE SAM FILES SUIT
AGAINST CATTLE COMPANY

El Paso, Nov. 5.—A suit was filed today by the government at Socorro, N. M., against the Victoria Land and Cattle Co., to condemn several thousand acres of land necessary for a reservoir site incident to the construction of the Elephant Butte irrigation project, which will reclaim 225,000 acres of land in the Rio Grande valley.

SENATOR ALDRICH TO
STUDY MONETARY SYSTEM

Philadelphia, Nov. 5.—Senator Aldrich left New York this morning on his long promised tour west as chairman of the monetary commission. The journey will consume about two weeks. His itinerary includes stops at a number of cities in the middle west.

COURT FINES FORMER ATTORNEY

PROMINENT ST. LOUIS ATTORNEY
PUNISHED FOR FIGHT-
ING

ASSAULTS BROTHER LAWYER

H. S. PRIEST LOSES SELF CON-
TROL DURING A CIVIL
SUIT

SUSPENDED FROM PRACTICE

OFFENDED JURIST RESORTS TO
DRASTIC MEASURES TO PRE-
SERVE DIGNITY

St. Louis, Nov. 5.—H. S. Priest, former judge of the United States district court here, was fined \$500 today for assaulting a fellow attorney before Judge Muench's division of the circuit court yesterday. He was also disbarred from practicing in the division in which the row occurred until a formal public apology has been consummated.

Judge Priest is widely known as counsel for the Waters-Pierce Oil Co., the United Railways of St. Louis and other large interests. He was arguing a case on behalf of the St. Louis Traction company yesterday, when John A. Gilliam, an attorney for certain claim holders, challenged the accuracy of Judge Priest's statements. Infuriated, Judge Priest rushed at Gilliam and struck him with such force that Gilliam fell over a chair. He has been under the care of a physician since.

BARTLETT LOSES BIG SUIT

CASE INVOLVING \$250,000 GOES
AGAINST CHICAGO MILLION-
AIRE

DECISION BY JUDGE McFIE

CONTINENTAL TIE & LUMBER CO.,
AND MAXWELL LAND GRANT,
PLAINTIFFS

VICTORY FOR C. A. SPIESS

LAS VEGAS LAWYER LEADING
COUNSEL FOR WINNING
LITIGANTS

In the celebrated case of the Continental Tie & Lumber Co., and the Maxwell Land Grant Co., vs. William H. Bartlett, a Chicago millionaire, as associate Justice John R. McFie in the district court for Santa Fe county, sitting at Santa Fe, late yesterday afternoon rendered judgment against Bartlett and in favor of the Continental Tie & Lumber Co., and the Maxwell Land Grant Co., in a cause involving the title to 40,000 acres of timber valued at approximately \$250,000.

This is a case which has attracted the attention of the bar in New Mexico for some time, both by reason of the value of the property involved and intricate questions of law which in the cause. The foremost legal talent in the southwest took part in the case. Bartlett, who is a son of James A. Fetterman, was the wheat king and a multi-millionaire. The case was represented by William A. Hawkins, of El Paso, Texas; George A. Merrick, of Chicago, and A. A. Jones and R. E. Twitchell, of Las Vegas. The interests of the Continental Tie and Lumber Co., and the Maxwell Land Grant Co., were represented by Chas. A. Spiess, of this city, to whom the greatest credit is due for the victory. Mr. Spiess had associated with him in the case, Judge Beaman of Denver; A. C. McChesney, of Trinidad, and Frank Springer of Las Vegas.

The case just decided has been pending before the court for over a year, or since March, 1908. The timber land involved is located in northeast New Mexico in the vicinity of Vermejo Park, where Bartlett owns a big ranch and maintains a palatial residence, and where he spends a part of each year with his family and friends.

It is almost certain that Bartlett will not abide by the decision of Judge McFie, but will carry the case through the territorial supreme court and up to the United States supreme court for final adjudication.

GOVERNMENT FORCES
TRIUMPH IN NICARAGUA

Managua, Nicaragua, Nov. 5.—Government troops defeated the revolutionists in a sharp engagement today, many of General Estrada's followers being killed, wounded or captured. The government lost fifteen men, including General Castillo Chamorro. President Zelaya's forces attacked the rebel general, Fornos Diaz, at Paso Las Lajas, last night, capturing that point. The rebels fled in many directions and are being pursued.

JACK JOHNSON INVESTS IN MAGNIFICENT RACING CAR

Chicago, Nov. 5.—Jack Johnson has a brand new automobile. He returned here yesterday with it. It is a wonderful blue and cream colored auto, and Johnson is as much pleased with his purchase as a kid with his first little red wagon. Johnson claims he can go seventy miles an hour "most any where."

"I've been fined in nearly every town I've been in for speeding," he re-

marked with mingled pathos and in his tone. "And I don't think right. I've never hurt anybody."

Johnson's expansive smile was his chief response when the statement credited to Jeffries, that he could stop Johnson in six rounds was repeated to him.

"Maybe the bout will end in six rounds," he said, "but Jeffries has picked the wrong man as the winner."

ALLEGED PARIS MURDERESS MAKING DESPERATE FIGHT

Paris, Nov. 5.—Mme. Steinhell, accused of double murder, again took the stand today and the presiding judge continued his merciless examination. Mme. Steinhell plainly showed the effects of her trying ordeal of the last two days, but she bore up bravely under the examination.

Judge Devalles classed as a pure invention the confession yesterday of Rene Collard, an actor, who claimed to be implicated in the murders. "Inquiry has established he is a

crack-brained youth," said the judge. Mme. Steinhell confronted with her various conflicting statements, finally gave way to an agonized flood of tears. When the judge pinned her down with the proof that she had concealed the jewels she afterwards said had been stolen, she turned her back to the judge and with crossed arms and flashing eyes, admitted she had done so, justifying her action by the motherly instinct of shielding her daughter from the knowledge that the jewels came from her lover.